

Our Beloved Shepherd ~ Our Beloved Brother

*Pastor Clarence E. Church, Jr.*

Sunrise: March 1933 ~ Sunset: June 2008



Friday, June 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

*Mount Calvary Church*

3770 Santa Rosalia Drive, Los Angeles, California 90008

*Bishop George Dallas McKinney, Officiant  
Pastor Donald Gridiron, Moderator*

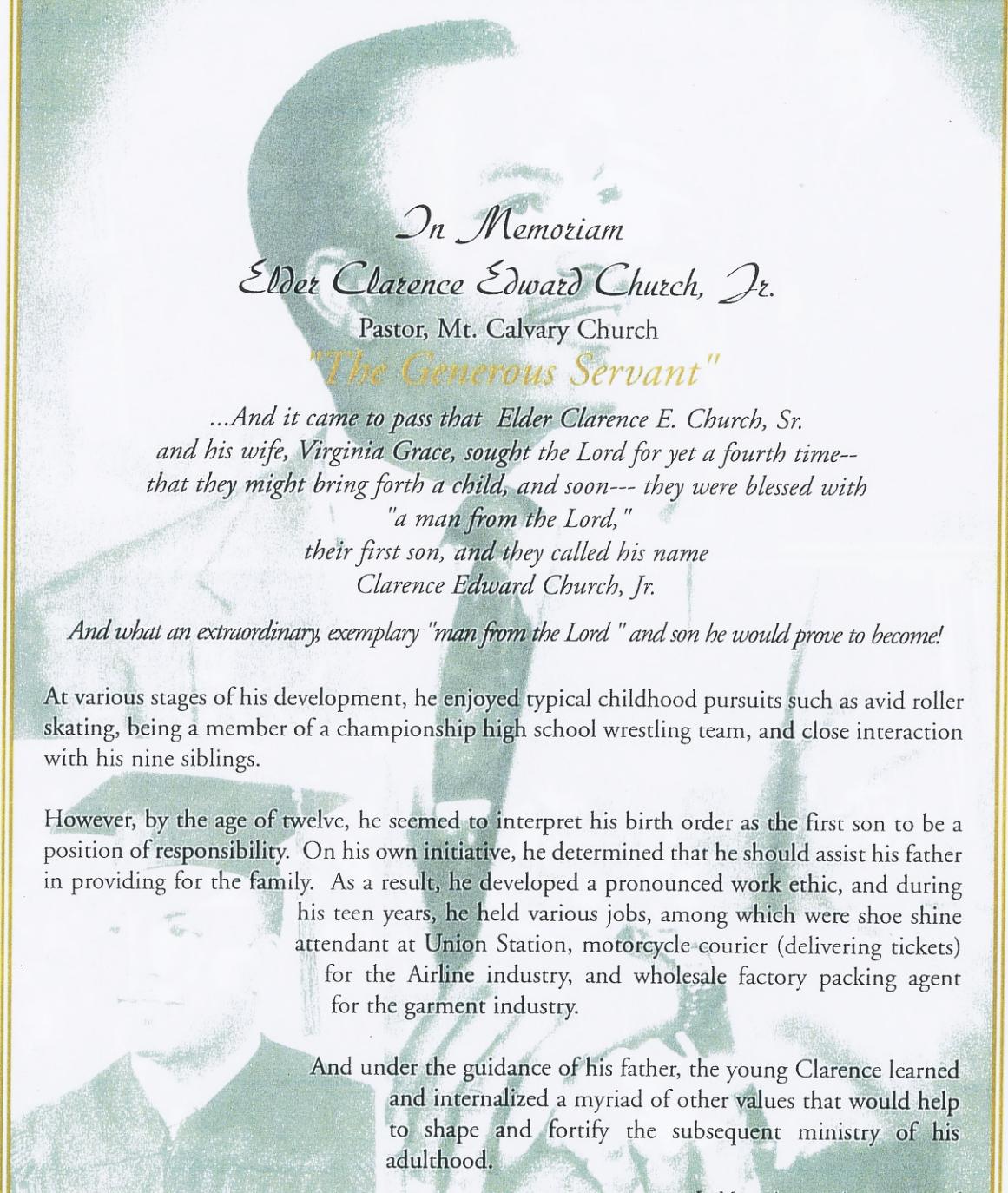
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## *In Memoriam*

### *Elder Clarence Edward Church, Jr.*

Pastor, Mt. Calvary Church

#### *"The Generous Servant"*

*...And it came to pass that Elder Clarence E. Church, Sr.  
and his wife, Virginia Grace, sought the Lord for yet a fourth time--  
that they might bring forth a child, and soon--- they were blessed with  
"a man from the Lord,"*

*their first son, and they called his name*

*Clarence Edward Church, Jr.*

*And what an extraordinary, exemplary "man from the Lord" and son he would prove to become!*

At various stages of his development, he enjoyed typical childhood pursuits such as avid roller skating, being a member of a championship high school wrestling team, and close interaction with his nine siblings.

However, by the age of twelve, he seemed to interpret his birth order as the first son to be a position of responsibility. On his own initiative, he determined that he should assist his father in providing for the family. As a result, he developed a pronounced work ethic, and during his teen years, he held various jobs, among which were shoe shine attendant at Union Station, motorcycle courier (delivering tickets) for the Airline industry, and wholesale factory packing agent for the garment industry.

And under the guidance of his father, the young Clarence learned and internalized a myriad of other values that would help to shape and fortify the subsequent ministry of his adulthood.

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# Our Beloved Pastor





# Our Beloved Brother



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From the seeds that were planted and nurtured during his formative years, Elder Clarence Church, Jr. became a man of spiritual astuteness, boldness, compassion, diplomacy, empathy, fortitude, gentleness, humility, integrity, joviality, kindness, love, meticulousness, nobility, obedience, patience, quietness, righteousness, self-control, tolerance, understanding, valor, wisdom, "xiphoid" ideology, yearning, and zest.



A scholar and intellectual, Elder Church earned certification and worked as a Registered Nurse, spoke Spanish fluently, and traveled extensively to Israel, Germany, South Africa, Korea, England, France, Italy, Switzerland, and China. A successful career in the Armed Services also enhanced his knowledge of world affairs.

Having a passion for the Word of God, he earned a degree in theology from Life Bible College. Those who seized the opportunity to study the Word in his Bible classes could attest to his being a theologian in his own right.

Ultimately, Pastor-Teaching would be his calling. His first appointment as pastor, in his early 20s, occurred in Lawton, Oklahoma during military stationing. The majority of his pastoral service, however, was spent at Mt. Calvary where he embraced his office with holiness, with dignity, and with years of uninterrupted commitment to his call.

All who encountered him experienced the phenomenal Generosity of his Servanthood because He was always available--via phone, hospital visit, counseling appointment, class time, pulpit, and prayer request.

Therefore, on Friday past, he was summoned by a *Divine Call* for a much deserved rest - a call to rest from his labor. And although he had tirelessly prepared *our* souls for eternal life, and though we had always called upon *him* without restraint or consideration, our *Human* nature is inclined to resist the finality of this Higher Call.

But, *Spiritually*, we rejoice, for

*We know*

in

Whom he Believed

*We know*

to

Whom he Surrendered

*We know*

by

Whom he was Delivered and Set Free

*We know*

through

Whom he was Redeemed

*We know*

of

Whom he Testified

*We know*

upon

Whom he Trusted

*We know*

for

Whom he Lived

*And We know*

with

Whom

*he now lives forevermore!*

We therefore release him

to walk ---forever ----through the streets of The City,

to kneel ---humbly ---before the throne of I Am,

to stand --- awed---in the presence of His Glory,

to sit ---graciously ----among the assembly of the elders,

and to praise--continuously---and--infinitely--within the chorus of the heavenly host  
as he rests and abides ---eternally----in the immeasurable Shadow of the Almighty.

*And we who remain will always hold fast to the fondest of memories of  
our Blessing, our Friend, our Brother, our Servant,  
our Counselor, our Teacher, our Leader,  
our Beloved Pastor, Elder Clarence E. Church, Jr.*

*Until*

*our*

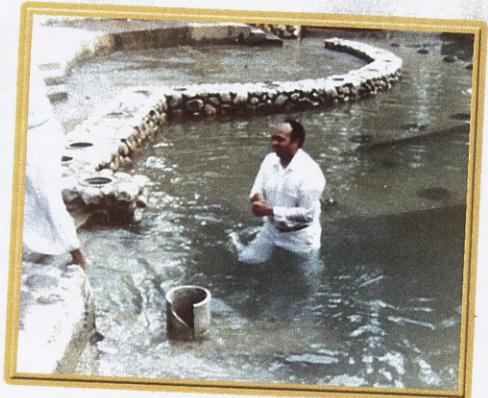
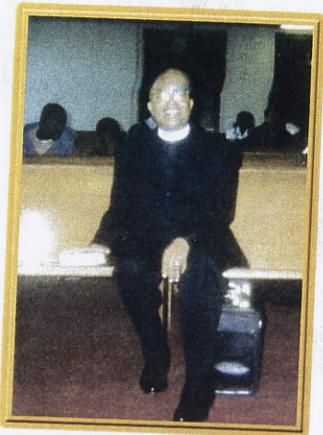
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*shall*

*meet*

*again--*





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